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For: METHOD FOR INDIVIDUALLY RENTING PRIVATE CAR, SYSTEM TO INDIVIDUALLY RENT PRIVATE CAR AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAMS TO CONTROL SAME

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Korean Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-0030227 A, published June 5, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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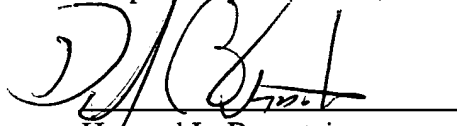
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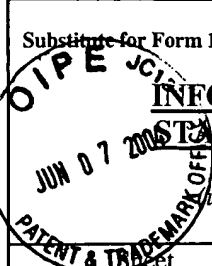
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(Note)

The inventions according to Claims 1 through 10 of the present application relate to a private car individual rental method, private car individual rental system and a storage medium storing a control program therefor, distinguished in that the user performs rental by checking private car availability information on the dealer server. However, Korean Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-30227 (publication date: June 5, 2000) discloses a method which organizes vehicle detail information into a data base on a web server which a consumer can look up to select a vehicle, and whether the vehicle is hired or purchased as a result of the selection...